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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

High HEAVEN *to* GRACIOUS ENDS *directs the* STORM!

An ORDINANCE prescribing the oaths of office to be taken by the Governour and Privy Council, and other officers of the commonwealth of Virginia, *and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

BE *it ordained, by the delegates or representatives of the counties and corporations in* Virginia, *now met in Convention*, that the Governour, Privy Council, members of the General Assembly, and officers of government, shall take the oaths hereinafter prescribed before they shall enter into the execution of their respective offices, in the following manner:

The oath of the GOVERNOUR.

I. A. B. elected Governour of Virginia *by the representatives thereof, do solemnly promise and swear, that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the said office diligently and faithfully, according to law, without favour, affection, or partiality; that I will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain, and defend, the commonwealth of* Virginia, *and the constitution of the same, and protect the people thereof in the secure enjoyment of all their rights, franchises, and privileges; and will constantly endeavour that the laws and ordinances of the commonwealth be duly observed, and that law and justice, in mercy, be executed in all judgments. And lastly, I do solemnly promise and swear, that I will peaceably and quietly resign the government, to which I have been elected, at the several periods to which my continuance in the said office is or shall be limited by law and the constitution. So help me GOD.*

The oath of a PRIVY COUNSELLOR.

I A. B. elected one of the Privy Council of Virginia *by the representatives thereof, do solemnly promise and swear, that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the said office diligently and faithfully, according to law, without favour, affection, or partiality; that I will be faithful to the commonwealth of* Virginia, *and will support and defend the same, according to the constitution thereof, to the utmost of my power; and that I will keep secret such proceedings and orders of the Privy Council as the Board shall direct to be concealed, unless when the same shall be called for by either House of Assembly. So help me GOD.* Which oaths shall be administered, that to the Governour by any four of the Privy Council, and the other by the Governour, on or before the sixth day of this instant *July*, for which purpose he is required to summon the Privy Council to attend him at *Williamsburg*; and until that time the powers of the Committee of Safety, according to the ordinances of Convention, shall continue, and no longer.

The oath of a SENATOR and DELEGATE.

I A. B. do solemnly promise and swear, that I will be faithful and true to the commonwealth of Virginia; *that I will well and truly demean myself as a (Senator or Delegate, as the case may be) of the General Assembly, to which I have been elected, in all things appertaining to the duties of the same, according to the best of my skill and judgment, and without favour, affection, or partiality. So help me GOD.* Which oath shall be administered by any Privy Counsellor.

The oath of the SECRETARY, ATTORNEY-GENERAL, and CLERK of a COUNTY COURT.

I A. B. do solemnly promise and swear, that I will be faithful and true to the commonwealth of Virginia, *and that I will well and truly demean myself in the office of (Secretary, Attorney-General, or Clerk of the County Court of , as the case may be) to which I have been appointed, in all things appertaining to the duties thereof, according to the best of my skill and judgment, and without favour, affection, or partiality. So help me GOD.* Which oaths shall be administered, those to the Secretary and Attorney-General by any four of the Privy Council, and the other by the court of which the officer is clerk.

And every attorney at law shall, before he be permitted to practise in any court, take the following oath before such court: *I A. B. do solemnly promise and swear, that I will be faithful and true to the commonwealth of* Virginia, *and that I will well and truly demean myself in the office of an attorney at law. So help me GOD.*

And every other person, heretofore required by law to take the oaths of government, now taking instead thereof an oath, before some court of record, *that he will be faithful and true to the commonwealth of* Virginia, *and that he will well and truly demean himself in his office, in all things appertaining to the duties thereof, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and without favour, affection, or partiality*, shall be deemed sufficiently qualified to execute his office.

And all members of committees of inspection and observation shall take the like oath, which any two members of such committees respectively are hereby empowered to administer.

AND whereas doubts may arise concerning the powers of the Governour and Privy Council, to the great injury of the community, in this time of war and publick danger: *Be it ordained*, that, superadded to the powers given to the Governour and Privy Council by the form of government passed this Convention, the Governour, with the advice of the Privy Council, shall have and possess all the powers and authority given to the Committee of Safety by an ordinance appointing a Committee of Safety passed at *Richmond* July 1775, or by any resolution of Convention; and also to direct such military movements and operations as, in their judgment, shall be necessary for the safety and security of the commonwealth.

PROVIDED always, and be it ordained, that the powers given by the said ordinance and resolutions hereby transferred to the Governour and Council, and the authority herein also given to direct military movements and operations, shall continue no longer than until the tenth day after the meeting of the next Convention or General Assembly.

AND be it further ordained, that *Thomas Everard* and *James Cocke*, esquires, shall be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to examine, state, and settle all publick accounts referred to them for that purpose by the Governour and Privy Council; each of which commissioners shall be allowed the sum of ten shillings per day for his services therein, until the end of the next meeting of the Convention or General Assembly.

WILLIAMSBURG, *July* 12.

NORFOLK *borough.*

AT a common hall held within the walls of the courthouse of the said borough, the 24th day of June, 1776. Present PAUL LOYALL, esq; mayor. George Abyvon, and Cornelius Calvert, gentlemen, aldermen. John Ramsay, Balett Moseley, and Robert Taylor, gentlemen, of the common council.

Mr. Mayor acquainted the hall, that this day (being the 24th of June) is appointed by the charter of the said borough for the election of a mayor; and that, notwithstanding the destruction of the said borough, by the cruel hand of tyranny, it was the opinion of the learned that the election of a mayor ought to be made. Whereupon George Abyvon, gentleman, one of the aldermen of the said borough, was unanimously elected mayor thereof; and he, having taken an oath well and faithfully to execute the office of a mayor of the said borough, entered on the execution of his office.

PAUL LOYALL, mayor.

On a motion,

Ordered, that the thanks of this corporation be given to Paul Loyal, esq; late mayor, for his patriotick and spirited behaviour during his mayoralty.

GEORGE ABYVON, mayor.

After which the above gentlemen, with several others, repaired to Wetwood farm, where there was a dinner provided for them, and drank the following toasts, to wit.

The Congress.

General Washington.

Success to the American arms.

The spirited representatives of Virginia, who always stood foremost in asserting and maintaining the liberties of America.

May the borough of Norfolk, phœnix-like, rise out of its own ashes.

The Hon. Thomas Nelson, esq; President of Virginia.

The memory of Peyton Randolph, esq; our late worthy Recorder, and friend to America.

Our present Delegates.

AT a general court-martial held in the city of Williamsburg, the 5th day of July 1776, by order of brigadier-general Andrew Lewis, for the trial of capt. BURGESS BALL of the 5th regiment (arrested for suffering the brig which was run aground on Willoughby's point to be retaken by the enemy) the court, upon hearing the evidence of capt. John Willoughby, which was corroborated by the

teſtimony of capt. Nathaniel Bouſh, enſign Beale, and mr. Cocke and mr. Netherland, cadets, were unanimouſly of opinion that the loſs of the prize could in no wiſe be imputed to capt. BALL, and therefore honourably acquitted him.---Which ſentence of the court-martial was approved of by the general.

Mr. PURDIE,

Being informed that my character has ſuffered reſpecting my behaviour near Hampton laſt March, you will be pleaſed to publiſh the following proceedings of a court of inquiry held at my requeſt.

PROCEEDINGS of a court of inquiry held at Hampton March 24, 1776, by order of major James Hendricks, commandant, to inquire into the conduct of lieutenant Daniel Trigg, reſpecting his behaviour on the 22d inſtant, when the enemy ſet on fire capt. Earl's ſloop.

MEMBERS preſent.

Capt. Weſt, preſident. Capt. Towles, Lieutenant J. Peyton. Lieutenant Tyler. Lieutenant Arrill. Lieutenant V. Peyton. Lieutenant Tutt. Lieutenant Gummins. Lieutenant Cooper. Enſign Tibbs. Enſign Linn. Enſign Holliday.

The court having examined a number of creditable witneſſes on oath, who were preſent during the whole time the enemy were engaged in deſtroying the above ſloop, and having an opportunity of obſerving lieutenant Trigg's conduct throughout the whole of that affair, are of opinion that mr. Trigg behaved with ſpirit, coolneſs, and as a good officer ought.

CHARLES WEST, preſident.

(*True copy*) JAMES HENDRICKS.

HARTFORD, *June* 24.

By an expreſs arrived laſt night from Albany, *we have the following extracted from a letter to general* Schuyler, *dated* Sorrel, *June* 12, 1776.

ON the 6th inſtant, about 2000 men, under the command of general Thomſon, marched to attack the enemy at the Three Rivers. They deſigned to have ſurpriſed them at day-break on the 8th inſtant, but the guide led them into a moraſs, returning from which took them two hours. They then had to paſs through a long ſwamp in the face of the enemy, who had a large reinforcement arrived very unhappily that evening, and landed in ſight of our men. Being well equipped, they gave general Thomſon's party ſo warm a reception that he thought prudent to retreat. In the mean time, a body of 600 were ſent off from the enemy to cut off our retreat, and deſtroy our batteaus, which they could not effect; and our batteaus are all ſaved but one, out of which the men eſcaped. General Thomſon, colonel Irwin, doctor M'Kennie, parſon M'Auley, lieutenants Bird and Currey, and about 40 men, are priſoners, and about 150 more are miſſing.

"It is ſuppoſed that general Burgoyne has with him the whole reinforcement deſigned for Canada. Our army are more than half ſick with the ſmall-pox; the other part have an enemy of more than three times their number. May they be recruited; but I fear the uſual ſlowneſs will prevent it."

Part of a letter from Seth Harding, *eſq; commander of the brig Defence, in the continental ſervice, to the Hon. governour* Trumbull, *dated* Boſton, *June* 19.

I SAILED laſt Sunday from Plymouth, and ſoon after heard a conſiderable firing to the northward. In the evening, I fell in with four armed ſchooners, near the entrance of Boſton harbour, by whom I was informed they had been engaged with a ſhip and brig, and were obliged to quit them. Soon after I came up into Nantaſket road, where I found the ſhip and brig at anchor. I immediately fell in between the two, and came to anchor about 11 o'clock at night. I hailed the ſhip, who anſwered "from Great Britain." I ordered her to ſtrike her colours to America. They anſwered, aſking, *What brig is that?* I told them, *the Defence*. I then hailed him again, and told him I did not want to kill his men, but would have the ſhip at all events, and again ordered them to ſtrike; upon which the major (ſince dead) ſaid, *Yes, I'll ſtrike*, and fired in a broadſide upon me, which I immediately returned, when an engagement began, which laſted three glaſſes, when the ſhip and brig both ſtruck. In this engagement I had nine men wounded, but none killed. The enemy had 18 killed, and a number wounded. My officers and men behaved with the greateſt bravery; none could have outdone them. We took out of the above veſſels 210 priſoners, among whom is col. Campbell of Fraſer's regiment. The major was killed in the engagement.

Yeſterday a ſhip was ſeen in the bay, which came towards the entrance of Boſton harbour; upon which I came to ſail, with four ſchooners in company. We came up with them, and took them without any engagement; there were on board 112 Highlanders. As there is a number more of the ſame fleet expected every day, and the general here urges my ſtay, I ſhall tarry a few days, and then proceed for New London. My brig is much damaged in her ſails and rigging.

NEW YORK, *June* 26.

YESTERDAY the Hon. major-general Gates ſet off for Canada, being appointed, we hear, commander in chief for the northern department.

Information being made, that ſeveral perſons, inimical to the rights of America, had entered into a ſolemn agreement to aid and aſſiſt our unnatural enemies, and make themſelves maſters of our city, ſeveral of them are now examining before our Honourable Congreſs. We expect to give our readers a more full account of this plot in our next.

The ſhip (mentioned in our laſt) taken on the ſouth ſide of Long Iſland, is one of the tranſports from Greenock, with a number of Highlanders on board, 80 butts of porter, &c. Some of the officers, and their ladies, came to town yeſterday.

We are informed by a gentleman from Connecticut, who arrived in town laſt night, that the brig Defence, of 14 guns, belonging to Newhaven, capt. Harden, had taken three tranſport veſſels from Greenock, with 300 Highlanders on board, amongſt whom was one col. Campbell. Capt. Harden fought two of the above veſſels for upwards of three hours, when they were obliged to ſtrike. The other made her eſcape, in the time of the engagement; but there being a fine breeze, and capt. Harden's veſſel being a much better ſailer, ſoon came up with and took her. He has carried them all three ſafe into Boſton.

We this moment hear that five ſail of the miniſterial pirates are now cruiſing off Block iſland.

Extract of a letter from St. Euſtatia, *May* 7, 1776.

"I take the liberty of acquainting you with the arrival of a ſhip from Zealand with 50 tuns of powder, and a parcel of fine arms. Two other veſſels were to follow with the ſame articles. Beſides theſe, near 20 ſail are expected from Amſterdam, all of which will bring more or leſs; ſo that if it is yet wanted in America, you will know where it may be had in plenty.

"The demand for American produce ſeems to increaſe daily; and as the call for ſuch, for the ſupply of the neighbouring iſlands, has taken away very near all that we had for our own uſe, we have a very melancholy proſpect before us, if we have no arrivals with thoſe articles from you.

"We have ſome arrivals from England, moſt of which give us different accounts as to the ſituation of affairs there. The beſt I can gather is, that 24 or 25,000 men would be ſent over to America this year; 9000 have ſailed from Ireland, under convoy of 6 or 8 frigates; and if they ſail, their pretenſions are over. The miniſtry, in general, are againſt ſending foreign troops. It is thought none will go but the Heſſians; and, in their abſence, that principality is to be guarantied by the Engliſh. A large fleet had ſailed from England, but had been ſcattered in a ſtorm, and put back again."

PHILADELPHIA, *June* 29.

Extract of a letter from New York, *dated the* 28*th inſtant.*

CERTAIN intelligence is this minute arrived, that the armed veſſels Schuyler and Montgomery retook yeſterday, and brought into Five Iſland inlet, four prizes, viz. Two brigs from Brazil, loaded with oil; a ſchooner belonging to Cape Anne, loaded with molaſſes and ſugar; a ſloop with flour and lumber, from Rhode Iſland. One of the priſoners informed, that general Howe is arrived at the Hook, in the Greyhound: that the fleet ſailed from Halifax the 9th inſtant, being 130 ſail, and may be ſoon expected at the Hook. One of the ſoldiers concerned in the plot is to be hanged this morning. Yeſterday there were 11 ſail at the Hook."

We hear that ſome of the Highlanders lately taken affert, that they were told, before they ſailed, that they were ſent hither to take poſſeſſion of forfeited farms, the rebels having been drove by the king's troops ſeveral hundred miles into the country. One or more of them alſo declare, that out of the number enliſted in Scotland for the American ſervice 400 deſerted on their march from Perth to Greenock.

A Boſton paper, of June 20th, ſays: "We have now upwards of 400 Highlanders confined in the work-houſe and almshouſe; who, we hear, are ſoon to be diſtributed in the country towns."

Extract of a letter from New York, *June* 24.

"Yeſterday the mayor was examined twice, and returned priſoner under a ſtrong guard. We have now 34 priſoners, and many more it is expected will be taken up. A party of our men went over to Long Iſland on Saturday laſt, to take up ſome of the Tories; they returned yeſterday, and brought to town one Downing, who is charged with being in the helliſh plot. They took ſix more priſoners, and put them in Jamaica jail, on Long Iſland. The Tories made ſome reſiſtance, and fired on our men in the woods. Our people returned the fire, wounded one man mortally, when they called for quarters. This morning a party of 300 men is ordered, but on what buſineſs is not known. I cannot give you the particulars, but was told, by good authority, it will ſurpriſe every honeſt man of this helliſh plot. I am told the mayor acknowledges he paid mr. Forbes, the gunſmith, who is one of the gang, now in irons, 14l. by order of governour Tryon. Yeſterday the general's houſekeeper was taken up; it is ſaid ſhe is concerned."

WILLIAMSBURG, *July* 12.

Camp before Gwyn's *iſland*, July 10, 1776.

YESTERDAY morning brigadier-general Lewis, accompanied by the colonels Stephen, Woodford, Weedon, and Buckner, arrived here, when a vigorous attack was made on the fleet and camp of the enemy. The ſhips were ſo roughly handled, that the Dunmore, and ſeveral others, were in a ſhort time towed off; and the enemy abandoned their works, after carrying away all their cannon, except a ſix-pounder. We have taken the Lady Charlotte tender, with three guns,

a very fine ſchooner, and pilot boat, which they made uſe of as tenders. The want of boats prevented our ſeizing many Tories, all their cannon, the greateſt part of their baggage, and the negroes. The enemy have burnt ſeveral of their veſſels, among them a very fine ſhip, ſuppoſed to be the Dunmore, which was rendered unfit for ſea. His lordſhip loſt his china by a double-headed ſhot, and it is ſaid he himſelf was wounded in the leg by a ſplinter. The fleet is drove off without water; and although they have plenty of prize flour, there is not a biſcuit on board. The houſes, ovens, and fortifications, which they had begun on the iſland, plainly prove they had no intention to leave it in ſo precipitate a manner. All the loſs we ſuſtained was in poor capt. Arundel of the artillery, who was killed by the burſting of a mortar. The officers and ſoldiers of col. Daingerfield's regiment behaved with great bravery.

The poſtmaſter in Frederickſburg writes, of laſt Wedneſday, that, by a gentleman juſt arrived from Philadelphia, he had ſeen an Evening Poſt of the 2d inſtant, which mentions that the Hon. the Continental Congreſs had that day declared the *United Colonies free and independent ſtates*.

WANTED,

SEVERAL SURGEONS for the NAVY. Such as incline to enter into the ſervice will pleaſe to apply to the commiſſioners, now ſitting in *Williamsburg*.

To be SOLD,

A TRACT of LAND in the county of *Culpeper* containing 200 acres, being part of the eſtate of mr. *Hancock Euſtace*, deceaſed. Inquire of mr. *John Blair*, in *Williamsburg*.

A YOUNG man, properly qualified to educate children, will meet with good encouragement by applying to me at *Weſtover*. W. BYRD.

WANTED,

A CONTRACTOR to ſupply the NAVY with proviſions, on each of the principal rivers. Such as are inclinable to undertake the ſame are deſired to apply to the Board at *Williomsburg*, on *Thurſday* the 25th inſtant. (2)

THOMAS WHITING, 1ſt commiſſioner.

RICHARD BOOKER, cabinet-maker, *Williamſburg*, begs leave to acquaint the publick that he expects ſhortly to receive a cargo of fine ſeaſoned timber, which he will work up into furniture of any kind, warranted ſound and good, and executed in the neateſt manner. He takes this opportunity of returning thanks to his former cuſtomers, and hopes for a continuance of their favours, as he ſhall make it his conſtant ſtudy to give them ſatisfaction.----*** Two journeymen, who are good workmen, will meet with encouragement. 1‖

TAKEN up at *Layton's* warehouſe, in *Eſſex* county, about the latter end of laſt month, and now in my poſſeſſion at that place, a negro man who cannot or will not tell his maſter's name, but denies having any in this country; ſays, as well as he can be underſtood, that his name is ABRAHAM; that he was ſent here in a ſhip with many others from *Barbados*, by his maſter there, to fight for lord *Dunmore*; and that he ran away from the ſhip, within a few days after he came to him. He appears to be between 30 and 40 years of age, of the middle ſize, ſlim made, ſpeaks very broken, his face marked in the manner the grown negroes from *Guinea* uſually are, had on a country made cotton cloth coat, linen ſhort breeches, a kind of coarſe tow'd linen ſhirt, and had with him a very ruſty tomahawk. His owner is deſired to apply, pay charges, and take him away.

1‖ JAMES BOWDRIE.

JULY 12, 1776.

THE captains of the *Lancaſter* battalion of minute-men are requeſted to meet the ſubſcriber at *Farnham* church, in order to receive the money due to their reſpective companies, on *Friday* the 19th inſtant. They will be pleaſed to take notice, that no accounts will be paid but thoſe ſigned by the colonel.

WILLIAM BEALE, jun.

To be SOLD, on Thurſday *the* 18*th inſtant, for ready money.*

HOUSEHOLD and kitchen furniture, conſiſting of beds, mohogany tables, chairs, earthen and glaſs ware, *&c.* Alſo oſnabrugs (a little damaged) plains, rolls, ſome wrappers, *Dutch* blankets, ready made linen for negroes, 8d. nails, ſingle, double, and brown ſugar, a ſmall quantity of ſalt, writing paper, a parcel of medicines, all good articles, with many other neceſſaries too tedious to mention. For the convenience of purchaſers, the goods will be ſold in ſmall quantities, except the medicines, which will be ſold together.

2‖ RICHARD HANSON.

PETERSBURG, *July* 4, 1776.

For SALE,

A VALUABLE tract of land, well adapted for toabaco, wheat, hemp, *&c.* containing 2400 acres. It lies on *Flat* creek, a branch of *James* river, in *Amherſt* county. There are convenient houſes on ſaid land, and cleared ground ſufficient to work 16 hands. The terms will be made eaſy to the purchaſer. Inquire of the ſubſcriber.---On the firſt *Thurſday* in *December* will be ſold, on the ſaid plantation, about forty *NEGROES*, with the ſtock of cattle and hogs; alſo the corn, wheat, and plantation utenſils. Two years credit will be allowed, the purchaſers giving bond and ſecurity. Seven and a half per cent. diſcount will be allowed for ready money.

(5) THOMAS M. RANDOLPH.

RUN away from the Honourable *John Tayloe's* NEABSCO FURNACE, an indented ſervant man named WILLIAM GILL, whoſe dialect will very readily diſcover him to be an *Iriſhman*. He is about 30 years of age, ſtout made, has a dark complexion, wears his own black hair, which is cut very ſhort on his forehead, is exceeding talkative, eſpecially when in liquor, which he is very fond of, and has an exceeding ſore leg, cauſed, I imagine, by his former intemperance. He had on when he went away a lightiſh coloured ſhort cloth coat, breeches of the ſame, and generally wore a ſhort blue jacket under his coat; he ſtole a pair of blue duffil breeches, and ſundry other clothes, from his fellow ſervants. It is likely he has had influence enough over ſome one of his acquaintances to forge a certificate of his being a freeman, and as ſuch may paſs wherever he pleaſes. He profeſſes to be a complete farmer, and to underſtand ſomething of gardening, though expert at neither. If he has not already engaged himſelf as a ſoldier or mariner in the continental ſervice, it is more than probable that his intention and principles, which are none of the beſt, may lead him to *Gwyn's* iſland. Whoever apprehends and ſecures ſaid ſervant, ſo as to be had again, ſhall have 40s. reward; and if brought back to the ſaid furnace, the ſum of 3l. and reaſonable charges allowed, by THOMAS LAWSON.

STRAYED from the ſubſcriber in *York* town, on the 30th of laſt month, a likely dark gray or roan horſe with a blaze face, three years old laſt ſpring, about 4 feet 9 inches high, has a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, but no brand. Whoever brings the ſaid horſe to capt. *James Maſon* at *York* town, or the ſubſcriber in *Brunſwick* county, ſhall have 20s. reward.

2‖ THOMAS RIVERS.

For SALE.

TWO hundred head of *BLACK CATTLE*, in the counties of *Warwick* and *Elizabeth City* county. For terms apply to

(2) WILSON MILES CARY.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

STOLEN from the ſubſcriber's ſervant, in the main ſtreet, a black or dark bay mare about 14 hands and a half high, five years old, a natural pacer, has one or two white ſpots on one of her ſides, her fore ankles have been cut and ſwelled by being ſpanceled. I do not recollect any brand. Whoever will deliver me the mare ſhall receive 30s. and for diſcovery of the thief 5l. ANDREW LEITCH.

WILLIAMSBURG, *July* 7, 1776.

WILLIAMSBURG, *July* 4, 1776.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber laſt night, a light bay horſe 6 years old, about 15 hands high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, not branded, but has a little hair rubbed off his back by a ſaddle; he paces and gallops well. Whoever will give me ſuch intelligence that I may get him again ſhall have 20s. reward, and 5l. on conviction of the thief. JAMES SLATE.

TREASURY OFFICE, *July* 5, 1776.

I HAVE appointed mr. *John Burwell* to ſign the bills of one ſhilling and threepence, dated *July* 1775, in the room of *Edmund Randolph*, eſq; who hath declined that buſineſs.

RO. C. NICHOLAS, treaſurer.

NORTHUMBERLAND county,

YEOCOMICO, *May* 10, 1776.

DESERTED laſt night from the *American Congreſs* ſloop of war, the following perſons, *viz.*----- *Richard Pearl*, born in *Virginia*, 32 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, ſtout, well made, black hair, and ſwarthy complexion; he is an artful ill looking fellow, and probably may change his name.-----*Randolph Biggs*, born in *Fairfax* county, *Virginia*, 19 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, brown hair, and is a likely well made lad.------*John Morgan*, born in *London*, 21 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, brown hair, and pitted with the ſmall-pox.------*James Bartlett*, born in *London*, 24 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, fair hair, and is a thin ſpare lad.------*William Wood*, born in *London*, 22 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches high, fair hair, pitted with the ſmall-pox, and plays a little on the fife.---Whoever apprehends the ſaid deſerters, and ſecures them ſo that they may be returned to their company, or ſent to *Alexandria*, ſhall receive 20s. for each, and reaſonable charges, paid by

JOHN ALLISON, captain of marines.

I HAVE received 41 *SMALL-ARMS*, which I would ſell on reaſonable terms, and have ſtill by me an aſſortment of SWORDS.

(2) WILLIAM PITT.

WANTED *for the firſt troop of HORSE, about* 30 *geldings from* 14 *hands and a half to* 15 *hands high, and from* 4 *to* 6 *years old, well formed, and active. Bays will be moſt ſuitable, or the colours neareſt to bay. Any perſon poſſeſſed of ſuch may apply to the ſubſcriber at the rendezvous at* Blandford, *in* Prince George *county; to lieutenant* Call, *near* Peterſburg; *or to cornet* Henry, *in* Hanover. *The ſeveral officers above mentioned will alſo attend the adjacent courts to thoſe counties for the purpoſe of purchaſing horſes, and ready money will be given for the horſes.* (tf)

THEODORICK BLAND, captain.

SIX hundred fine young SHEEP, 40 of them rams, the reſt ewes, will be ſold at my plantation near *Charlotte* courthouſe, on *Monday* the 30th of *September* next, for ready money.

2‖ BEN. WARD.

DESERTED from capt. *Spencer's* company of regulars, before they left *Orange* county, *JOHN LAMB*, a tall slim man, about 22 years of age, enlisted by lieut. *Garland Burnley*. He was bred in *Orange*, near col. *Burnley's*.----Also *William Bragg*, who deserted from the camp near *Gwyn's* island the 16th of *June*. He is about 5 feet 10 inches high, about 40 years of age, a stout well made man, much addicted to liquor, and when drunk very talkative and impertinent. He was formerly an inhabitant of *Culpeper*, and lived near *Bradley's* ordinary.---Whoever brings the said deserters to head-quarters in *Williamsburg*, or the camp near *Gwyn's* island, shall have 3l. reward for each.

JOSEPH SPENCER.

To be SOLD,

A *TRACT of land on* Monk's Neck, *in the county of* Dinwiddie, *within seven miles of* Petersburg, *late in the possession of mr.* Alexander Shaw, *containing about 1050 acres, of which a considerable proportion is low grounds capable of being improved into the finest meadow. A particular description is avoided, as I would choose every person inclinable to purchase should view and be satisfied of the quality of the land. The terms of sale, and time of credit, will be made agreeable, and an undoubted title assured to the purchaser.*

JOHN BANISTER.

ALL *the residue of the said* Alexander Shaw's *estate, both real and personal, is conveyed in trust to the subscribers, for the payment of considerable debts respectively due to them; after a discharge of which, the surplus is to be applied in satisfaction of his other creditors. All persons indebted to the said* Alexander Shaw *will take notice, that their payments are to be made to*

ABRAHAM SMITH.
(tf) *JOHN BANISTER.*

WANTED at *Hunter's* iron works, the falls of *Rappahannock* river, in the manufactory of small arms, a number of hands who understand the file, also anchor smiths, blacksmiths, and nailors, to whom suitable encouragement will be given; where may be had, for ready money only, bar iron, fullers shears, files, and a variety of articles made in the iron branch, an where tradesmen of every kind, who incline to settle, may have half-acre lots of land at a small ground rent for ever, and may be assisted in building, provisions, and materials, and the produce of their labour taken in payment for the same. Apply to *John Strode*, manager of said works. (10)

FOR SALE,

A SHOEMAKER, who understands both mens and womens work completely. He has about five years and a half to serve, and worked many years with mr. *Didsbury*. For terms apply to the subscriber, near *Fredericksburg*.

RICHARD BROOKE.

WANTED

A PERSON capable of teaching *Reading, Writing, Arithmetick, Mathematicks*, and the *Latin Grammar*. Any person so qualified, having a good character, by applying to the subscriber in *Prince George*, near *Petersburg*, shall meet with genteel encouragement.

(tf) JAMES FEILD.

WILLIAM & MARY College, *June* 21.

THOSE young gentlemen who have a right to their maintenance in the College, commonly styled the FOUNDATIONERS, are desired to return to the College as soon as possible, unless they choose to have their places filled by other persons.

By order of the President and Masters.
(4) EMMANUEL JONES, clerk.

AMHERST, *July* 5, 1776.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I shall attend at the courthouse of this county on the first *Monday*, and at *Bedford* courthouse on the fourth *Monday*, in *August*, being court days, to purchase HORSES for the third troop to be raised pursuant to a late ordinance of General Convention. Any horses four feet ten inches high, at least, will be received, and a good price given for them.

WILLIAM PENN.

YORK, *July* 5, 1776.

WANTED immediately, to mount the fifth troop, a number of HORSES, either bays, browns, sorrels, or chestnuts, from 4 to 7 years old, and not under 14 hands high. I will give ready cash for all such as shall suit the purpose they are intended for.

JOHN NELSON.

WILLIAMSBURG, *July* 5, 1776.

STRAYED or stolen last night, out of mrs. *Camp's* pasture near this city, a dark brown mare near 5 feet high, about 10 years old, with a blaze face, likely and well made, and very fat, shod before, paces well, but trots in rough roads, not branded, that I remember. She is supposed to be rode off by two deserters from capt. *Cabell's* company of regulars, of the names of *Cheathum* and *Vaughan*, who were enlisted in *Amherst*, and may perhaps be gone that way. I will give a reward of 3l. to any person who delivers said mare to capt. *Robert Anderson* in *Williamsburg*, capt. *Abraham Cowley* in *Richmond*, mr. *Richard Woods* in *Albemarle*, capt. *Gabriel Penn* in *Amherst*, mr. *Sampson Matthews* in *Augusta*, or the subscriber in *Botetourt*; and if stolen, 6l. on conviction of the thief; or if secured in any county not convenient to deliver her to any of the gentlemen above mentioned, the same reward, upon notice being given to

PATRICK LOCKHART.

LANCASTER, *June* 13, 1776.

RUN *away from the subscriber, on* Monday *the 10th instant (June) two men slaves, both* Virginia *born*, viz. *BILLY, a stout well made black fellow, about 5 feet 6 inches high, 25 years of age, who has been used to gardening, cooking, taking care of horses, and very handy, if he pleases, about any kind of house business. KITT, a stout mulatto fellow, much knock kneed, between 17 and 18 years of age, stammers a little in his speech, and is about 5 feet 9 inches high.* Billy *had on a leather cap, and both of them went off in their work clothes, of country cloth. I will give 40s. reward to any person who will deliver the said negroes to me, or secure them so that I get them again.*

MUNGO HARVEY.

COMMITTED to the jail of *Charles City* county, on *Friday* the 21st instant (*June*) two negro men, viz. HAMPTON, very strong made, of a yellowish complexion, about 5 feet 8 inches high, dressed in negro cotton jacket and breeches, and says he belongs to *William Cozens* of *Dinwiddie*. ROBERT, a well set sprightly looking fellow, about 5 feet high, dressed in negro cotton, says he was hired to capt. *John Goodrich*, and belongs to *John Armistead* of *Elizabeth City*, near *Hampton*. The owners are desired to fetch them away, and pay charges to

4‖ JOHN HARWOOD, jailer.

COMMITTED *to* Lunenburg *jail, a negro man named TOM, spare made, has holes in his ears for bobs, a large scar on his left thigh, and says he belongs to one* Groves, *near col.* Lewis's, *in* North Carolina. *He is clad in a shirt of* Virginia *linen, old leather breeches of a yellowish colour, and an old cotton jacket. The owner is desired to take him away, and pay charges.*

1‖ *JAMES JOHNSON.*

WILLIAMSBURG, *June* 18, 1776.

LOST, 300 *odd SHEEP, upon the road from* Joseph Scott's *store in* Nansemond *to* Petersburg. *They are part of a flock of* 900 *and odd that crossed* Broadwater *ferry, in* Southampton, *about the 20th of* May *last. As the subscriber is necessarily employed upon publick service, he will be much obliged to any person that will send intelligence of the sheep, either to himself, at the* College *camp, or doctor* John Reade *at* Broadwater, *and all expenses shall be paid.*

FRANK EPPES,
Lieutenant-colonel of the first regiment.

WILLIAMSBURG, *July* 5, 1776.

DESERTED last night from the *College* camp, *James Vaughan*, about 23 years of age, about 6 feet 2 inches high, well made, long black hair, of a dark complexion, and long visage; had on, and carried with him, a new suit of gray broadcloth, an old hunting shirt trimmed with red, old leather breeches, and a green broadcloth coat trimmed with silver lace, which he purchased at *Dunmore's* sale. Also *Joseph Cheathum*, about 22 years of age, 6 feet 6 inches high, well made, of a very dark complexion, has short black hair, and a dejected look; had on, and carried with him, a pair of good leather breeches, a hunting shirt trimmed with red, and a jacket and pair of breeches of light coloured sagathy, almost new. They were enlisted in *Amherst*, where I suppose they will endeavour to get. Whoever delivers them to the 6th *Virginia* regiment shall have 40s. reward for each, and be allowed all reasonable expenses.

‖ SAMUEL CABELL, captain.

COMMITTED to the publick jail in *Williamsburg*, a runaway negro man who calls himself PHILL, and says he belongs to *George Slackum* of *Dorset* county on the *Eastern Shore, Maryland*. His master is desired to make application for the said fellow, pay charges, and take him away.

PETER PELHAM, K. P. G.

RUN away from the subscriber, living in the *Cow Pasture*, county of *Augusta*, a servant man named *JAMES REEVES*, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, well made, has a scar above one of his eyebrows, is a bricklayer by trade, and was born in *London*; had on, and carried with him, an old blue cloth coat, blue breeches patched with white cloth, two coarse tow shirts, tow leggins, but no shoes. He rode off a bay horse about 14 hands and a half high, with a bob tail, paces, and branded on the near shoulder B. It is supposed he has stolen part of indentures from *James Reiley*, and that he will attempt to pass for a freeman. Whoever secures the said servant, and horse, so that I get them again, shall have 50s. reward, and if out of the county 5l.

4‖ HUGH HICKLEN.

RUN away on *Tuesday* the 19th instant, four *Virginia* born NEGRO men slaves, belonging to colonel *John Fry's* estate, *viz.* HARRY, about 5 feet 8 inches high, well made, yellow complexion, has a scar on his face, a sensible artful fellow, and about 30 years old. YORK, about 5 feet 10 inches high, a stout likely well made fellow, black complexion, one of his legs smaller than the other, has a scar on one of his arms, by being burned when about 26 years old. ADAM, about 5 feet 7 inches high, yellow complexion, thin visage, bushy hair, about 40 years old. It is impossible to describe the clothes they carried with them, having different kinds. Whoever will deliver the above mentioned slaves, to mr. *Richard Adams* in *Richmond* town, mr. *Thomas Adams* in *New Kent*, mr. *Henry Fry* in *Culpeper*, or the subscriber in *Buckingham*, shall be paid 40s. for each of them. (tf) JOHN NICHOLAS.

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FRIDAY, July 12, 1776. SUPPLEMENT. No. 76.

PHILADELPHIA, *June* 25.

ACCOUNTS received this day from Canada ſay that general Thompſon, with 2000 men, has been defeated by 4000, and that the general was accidentally taken priſoner; but it is hoped general Sullivan, who appears to be in high ſpirits, will ſoon be able to give a better account of our affairs in Canada.

By letters from Boſton, received this day, we learn that ſoon after the men of war and tranſports were drove from Nantaſket road two more tranſports arrived there with upwards of 200 Highlanders on board, which were both made prizes, after ſome reſiſtance.

Extract of a letter from New York, *dated June* 24.

"Since my letter on Friday laſt, a moſt barbarous and infernal plot has been diſcovered amongſt the Tories. The particulars I cannot give you, as the committee of examination conſiſts of but three, who are ſworn to ſecrecy. Two of Waſhington's guards are concerned; and a third, whom they tempted to join them, made the firſt diſcovery. The general report of their deſign is as follows: Upon the arrival of the troops, they were to murder all the ſtaff officers, blow up the magazines, and ſecure the paſſes of the town. Gilbert Forbes, gunſmith, in the Broadway, was taken between 2 and 3 o'clock on Saturday morning, and carried before our Congreſs, who were then ſitting. He refuſed to make any diſcovery, upon which he was ſent to jail, and put in irons. Young Livingſton, went to ſee him early in the morning, told him he was ſorry to find he had been concerned, and, as his time was very ſhort, not having above three days to live, adviſed him to prepare himſelf. This had the deſired effect; he aſked to be carried before the Congreſs again, and he would diſcover all he knew. Several have been ſince taken, between 20 and 30, among them our mayor, who are all now under confinement. It is ſaid their party conſiſted of about 500.

"On Saturday afternoon our men returned from the Hook, without being able to effect their deſign. Not having heavy cannon ſufficient to make any breach in the light-houſe, they made the attack Friday morning 20 minutes after 3, and continued firing till about 6. No lives loſt on our ſide, only two men ſlightly wounded.

"I have juſt heard the mayor has confeſſed bringing money from Tryon, to pay for rifle guns that Forbes has made. A large party goes off this morning to the Hook again with heavy cannon, &c. The men of war there, I am afraid, will hurt them, as they can command the paſs. Burgoyne is arrived at Quebeck with his fleet. No account of ours. I expect to go to Long Iſland this day, in a party of about 200, in queſt of Tories."

Yeſterday morning major Rogers was taken up at South Amboy ferry.

IN CONGRESS, *June* 26, 1776.

RESOLVED, that a bounty of TEN DOLLARS be given to every non-commiſſioned officer and ſoldier who will enliſt to ſerve for the term of three years.

Extract from the minutes.

CHARLES THOMPSON, ſecretary.

GLORIOUS NEWS *from* S°. CAROLINA.

SATURDAY, *July* 13.

IT is with much ſatisfaction the printer can entertain his readers, by this poſt, with the following account of an engagement which happened at Charleſtown the 28th of laſt month, between his Britannick majeſty's fleet commanded by ſir Peter Parker and our gallant brethren of that city; which had been deſpatched, by expreſs, two days before, by his excellency general LEE, and may therefore be hourly expected.----The general's preſent letter is dated July the 3d, in which he ſays, "that the "affair is much more important than he at firſt "imagined; that the encloſed is the narrative of "ſome deſerters, one of whom is a very intelligent "fellow; that he thinks it his duty to ſend the ac-"count in its proper form, without adding or cur-"tailing a ſingle circumſtance; and congratulates "the Hon. Preſident of the Convention, and the "publick, on an event which certainly does great "credit to the American arms, and, he hopes, "muſt be attended with very great advantages."

NARRATIVE *by* Thomas Bennett *of col.* Damilſon's Maſſachuſetts *regiment*, Daniel Hawkins *of* Boſton, Robert Scott *and* Edmond Alſton *of* New Hampſhire, *and* James Scott *of* Virginia, *deſerters from the fleet which attacked and were beaten off by the brave garriſon in fort* Sullivan, *under the command of col.* Moutrie, *on* Friday *the* 28*th of* June, 1776.---[*They are all* Americans, *and had been taken by the enemy at ſea.*]

THE Briſtol of 50 guns, commanded by ſir Peter Parker, is greatly damaged in the hull, large knees and timbers ſhot through, and ſmaſhed. If the water had not been very ſmooth, it would have been impoſſible to have kept her from ſinking. All the carpenters in the fleet had been called to her aſſiſtance. Her mizzen-maſt ſhot away, main-maſt badly wounded by three ſeveral ſhot, fore-maſt by two, and her rigging, ſails, and yards, much damaged. The captain of the commodore loſt his left arm, above the elbow. He was ſent yeſterday (June 30th) to England, in a brigantine. The commodore had his breeches tore off, his backſide laid bare, and his thigh and knee much wounded. He walks only when ſupported by two men. There were 44 men killed, and 30 wounded, among whom were many midſhipmen and petty officers; 20 of the wounded dead ſince the action. It was talked in the fleet, that the two large ſhips would go over the bar again, and proceed to Engliſh harbour, in Antigua, to be repaired.-----The Briſtol, when lightened as much as poſſible, drew 18 feet 7 inches water.---- The Experiment of 50 guns, on two decks, all twelve-pounders, a ſlighter veſſel than the Briſtol, exceedingly damaged in her hull, ſeveral ports beat in, one of her mizzen-maſts hurt, but uncertain of particulars. Killed 57, of whom the captain was one. Wounded 30; ſeveral ſince dead. Draws, when lighteſt, 17 feet water. The general opinion, that neither of theſe large ſhips will go ſafely over the bar again.----Solebay, 28 guns, two men killen, and four wounded.---- Active 28 guns, the lieutenant killed, and four men wounded.---Actæon 28, Sphynx 20, Syren 28, all got aground; the firſt in coming up, the two lat-

ter in running away. The Sphynx cut away her boltſprit; the Syren got off. The Actæon, by the aſſiſtance of a friendly Engliſh ſeaman, remained faſt; burnt, and blown up by her own people. [Whilſt ſhe was on fire, capt. Milligan, one of our marine officers, and a party of men, boarded her, brought off her colours, the ſhip's bell, and as many ſails and ſtores as three boats could contain.] —The Thunder bomb lay at a conſiderable diſtance, throwing ſhells at the fort; and, by overcharging, had ſhattered the beds and damaged the ſhip ſo much as to render it neceſſary for her to go into dock before ſhe can act again.---The Friendſhip, a hired armed veſſel of 26 guns, of various ſizes, covered the bomb, as did the Syren, which alſo fired very briſkly at the fort.---The whole fleet badly manned, and ſickly, particularly the Syren's crew; at two thirds ſhort allowance of proviſion and water, and no freſh meat ſince their arrival, June the 1ſt.

Lord William Campbell had been very anxious for the attack, and propoſed taking all the forts with only the Syren and Solebay.---Lord Cornwallis has the chief command of the land forces; he and general Clinton are both aſhore with the troops at Long Iſland. His lordſhip had ſome time ago urged ſir Peter Parker to attack on the ſea ſide, otherwiſe he would march up, attack, and take the fort, and complain of ſir Peter's tardineſs. The commodore replied, "lord Cornwallis might "march his troops where he pleaſed, but the fleet "required fair wind; the firſt that happened, he "would proceed againſt the fort." The general at that time believed we had no troops out of garriſon, but he was ſoon better informed, being ſince repulſed, and drove back with loſs. He remained quiet, and left the commodore to enjoy the glory of being defeated alone.

The negro pilot Sampſon, who is exceedingly careſſed, was on board the commodore, and put down with the doctor out of harm's way.

When the fleet ſailed from Ireland, the number of troops was about 4000; but 11 tranſports had been ſeparated from the reſt, and have not been ſince heard of.----Some of the deſerters, who had ſeen all the land forces, ſaid the amount was from 1300 to 2000 at moſt.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock, the Actæon, the commodore, and other ſhips, began to ſteal away. They made no piping, nor waited to heave up their anchors, but ſlipped their cables. The commodore has only one anchor and cable left.

About 2 o'clock on Friday, when the fort was waiting for a ſupply of powder, ſome of the men of war's men, miſtaking the unavoidable ſilence for ſurrender, cried out, *The Yankies had done fighting.* Others replied, *By God we are glad of it, for we never had ſuch a drubbing in our lives. We had been told the Yankies would not ſtand two fires, but we never ſaw better fellows.* All the common men in the fleet ſpoke loudly in praiſe of the garriſon,---- *brave fine fellows!*

The ſeamen in general are deſirous of getting on ſhore to join the Americans. One M'Neal, a deſerter from col. Gadſden's regiment, had informed the commodore, that before he left fort Johnſon he had ſpiked up all the cannon, and that the fort might be eaſily taken.

A report in the fleet, that no quarters would be given to the Americans, and that 5000l. had been offered for general Lee.

General LEE, *and our brave Friends of* SOUTH CAROLINA!

HUZZA!